



# Hurricane Katrina aftermath hits home for 509er

**By 2nd Lt. Kristie Hall**  
509th Operations Support Squadron

Hurricane season and the threat of a dangerous storm hitting so close to home is all too familiar for the families living in, or who have lived in, Southeast Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. Born and raised just 30 miles north of New Orleans, having been stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., with a home in Ocean Springs, Miss., I have experienced the danger first hand.

Although we have dodged the "big one" for more than 35 years, the threat continually exists every season for a disaster of this magnitude to strike. Never in my worst nightmares did I predict the devastation that Hurricane Katrina would leave on Aug. 29.

For me, the pain and suffering came in the form of watching the aftermath unfold on TV with no communication with my family and friends in the disaster zone.

Like so many times before, they decided to ride out the storm in their homes. I had no viable way to confirm if my family had sufficient emergency supplies, suffered extensive damage to their homes or worst yet, lost their lives. After four long days and nights with no communication



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

**Some of 2nd Lt. Kristie Hall's displaced relatives shoot hoops in Warrensburg Monday.**

from our family, my husband and I decided to drive into the disaster zone and assess the damage for ourselves. With two truckloads of supplies, we drove home to Louisiana in search of our families.

We found many of our family members alive but without food, water, ice, gas, transportation, electricity and adequate shelter. One family member perished in the

Louisiana State University Medical Center without adequate supplies. Largely a timber and sawmill community, the huge, majestic pine trees caused extensive damage to homes and businesses throughout Bogalusa, La., and Washington Parish. Roof and window damage caused rain water to enter their homes leaving them uninhabitable. Power lines were destroyed and left lying across streets and homes, creating hazardous danger zones, limiting movement of survivors to escape the devastation.

Gas stations and grocery stores were vandalized, burned and looted by dangerously armed and desperate, unlawful and criminally-minded members of our community. Two local police officers were shot and killed for a bag of ice.

We were in fear for our lives.

The critical shortage of gas paralyzed our community and crippled thousands of people from evacuating the disaster area. All the money in the world could not buy our way out of town. There were no stores or banks open to honor our checks, debit/ATM cards or credit cards for emergency purposes.

We were virtually stranded.

Calling for help was not an option due to the lack of

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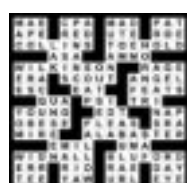


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# Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

**America's Air Force.** With the stroke of President Harry Truman's pen on 18 Sept. 1947, an independent Air Force focused on providing airpower for national defense became a reality.

This week marks the 58th anniversary of the world's most powerful Air Force and it's important that each of us understand our proud heritage. The idea of an Air Force dates almost to the beginning of manned flight, and the British Royal Air Force was created in World War I.

For America, it's fair to say that airpower provided the "bookends" for World War II. Our nation was drawn into that war by an unprovoked aerial attack on Pearl Harbor.

Four years later, America dramatically ended the war with two B-29 bombers from the 509th Composite Group. That global war made it crystal-clear that air power was a unique asset that demanded to be trained, equipped and led by people who understood it.

Air Force "blue suiters" have had a quiet but huge impact on history over the past six decades.

There were the monumental supply efforts of the Berlin Airlift, and the dog-fights in "MiG Alley" in the skies over Korea. There were the "Wild Weasels" of Vietnam, deliberately drawing enemy surface-to-air missiles so their fellow Airmen could bomb North Vietnamese positions. In Panama, AC-130s provided cover for special operation forces and during Desert Storm, stealth fighters delivered precision-guided weapons directly to their target. In the skies over Kosovo, the B-2 flew combat sorties from Whiteman where missions lasted almost a day and a half from takeoff to landing. We saw Airmen riding on horses in Afghanistan using satellites and secure radios to direct air strikes from 30,000 feet and unmanned combat aerial vehicles hunting terrorists in Iraq. And within the last few weeks during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Air Force pararescuers have airlifted more than 5,000 people from the New Orleans area.

The message is clear — wherever America's interests are threatened — America's Air Force will answer the call, convincingly and well.

I hope each one of you is proud to serve among the 684,000 active, Reserve, Guard and civilians of the United States Air



U.S. Air Force photo

**1948 — Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington prepares to cut the cake to celebrate the first anniversary of the Air Force as Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg looks on.**

Force. Your dedication and professionalism is what keeps us the best in the world at what we do: providing Air and Space power for America. You turn the wrenches, prepare the meals, repair the roads, work the contracts or evaluations, see the patients, load the bombs, guard the jets or fly them. Whether you do one of those things in the active or reserve component, or in any of the other specialties that make up our military, you are an essential part of America's team — and that is the one fact that has not changed throughout our history.

Airmen with vision help make this nation what it is, and we celebrate those who came before and those who will follow us in this important work.

## Our values will lead to victory

By Lt. Col. Kevin Ward

394th Combat Training Squadron, director of operations

Four years ago, a small but determined group of terrorists inflicted a severe blow to our country. Two American landmarks, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, were attacked using our own airlines as missiles. A third target, the U.S. capitol building, was spared by the efforts of brave passengers aboard another hijacked aircraft. Nearly 3,000 of our fellow citizens were killed and countless others injured.

The events of Sept. 11 and the past four years fighting the Global War on Terrorism have caused many to reflect on their lives and re-examine their priorities. I want to share with you some of my thoughts about Sept. 11, which I believe help put these events in their proper perspective.

First, America is a great country that was created for a great purpose. This nation is a shining beacon of hope, equality of opportunity and freedom that continues to bring people from all over the world to our shores in hopes of attaining citizenship. America's destiny is to be a land of individual freedom and opportunity, the likes of which have never before been afforded any other people on earth.

After Sept. 11, many sought to try and understand the terrorists' actions, and in doing so, came to the conclusion that the attack was payback for all of the perceived wrongs that the U.S. had committed in the Middle East. No past action by the U.S. can justify the acts of Sept. 11.

Many speculate on what could have been done to prevent Sept. 11. Amid debates over political blame and intelligence budgets, one thing should remain clear: America is not responsible for terrorism—terrorists are responsible for terrorism.

It is our job in the military to be prepared to respond when called upon. As a result of Sept. 11 and our president's resolve, the U.S. military did respond.

As part of the GWOT, American troops have fought in the mountains and valleys of Afghanistan, captured and killed hundreds of Al Qaeda terrorists, and ousted the brutal Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Terrorists who once planned strikes against America from havens in Afghanistan are hiding in caves as our forces continue to put pressure on them.

In Iraq, Coalition forces fight terrorists

in the desert heat and in the narrow alleys of Baghdad. They captured Saddam Hussein and killed his sons Uday and Qusay, who together committed atrocities, including the torture and massacre of countless innocent Iraqi men, women and children over a 30-year period.

Our military has constructed or rebuilt hundreds of schools, power plants and water treatment facilities. And thanks to the decisions America's leaders have made, the people of Afghanistan and Iraq — more than 50 million men, women and children — are free today. Terrorists no longer find refuge in these countries, and rogue states around the world have been put on notice.

We need not apologize for these successes. History will record that America's strategy for fighting terrorism was a good strategy, and that the execution of that plan by men and women in uniform was unequalled in its excellence. Despite the negativity and "body count" mindset that dominates the media focus of the war on terror, America knows the truth: America's brave sons and daughters in the armed forces have helped Iraq and Afghanistan move toward a brighter future.

The events of Sept. 11 bring into focus the need for preparation. Whether the event is a terrorist attack or a natural disaster like Hurricane Katrina, each of us can and should do our part to be personally prepared. We live in perilous times and we should not be surprised or caught off guard by the turmoil around us, but instead we should prepare for what may happen.

Each of us can take comfort that we are part of the greatest military in the history of the world—a military that unifies and strengthens not only the nation, but also each individual that serves in it.

One common thread holds us together like no other military in the world. It is a determination to defend our freedom at any cost. It is the knowledge that your fellow Airmen share the core values of Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

Article VI of the Code of Conduct reminds us all of the thread that guides our daily actions and binds us together in a common cause. Article VI states, "I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

The Sept. 11 attacks have taught us the strength of our values is what sets us apart from our enemies and it will eventually lead to our victory in the war on terror.

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## News in brief

### POW/MIA remembrance

The 509th Bomb Wing will hold an annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day retreat and ceremony today at the base flag pole in front of Bldg. 509. Attendees should arrive no later than 3:45 p.m. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. David Hodges at 687-6391.

### Road closed

The project to repair Vandenberg Avenue from Spirit Boulevard to 10th Street is scheduled to start Monday.

Traffic will detour on Arnold Avenue, from Spirit Boulevard to 10th Street while Vandenberg is being repaired. Work on Vandenberg will be phased to limit the down time that any facility will be affected. The first phase will be from 10th Street to Ninth Street.

The contractor is to provide a detour schedule for limited access to the affected facilities. To ensure safety for all in the construction zone the speed limit is be five. The project construction time is planned for eight weeks, weather permitting.

The 509 CES POC for this project is Gary Hall at 687-6281.

### Retiree appreciation day scheduled

The annual Retiree Appreciation Day takes place 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 24 with activities at Mission's End.

For security reasons, attendees must have a valid military ID card or be accompanied by someone who has one. For questions, call the retiree activities office at 800-303-5608.

### Blood donations needed

American Red Cross is scheduled to sponsor a blood drive Thursday and Sept. 23, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Community Activities Center

### Women's Air Force Band present concert

The veterans of the Women's Air Force Band will play in concert at Central Missouri State University at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 23, in Hendricks Hall. This concert is free and open to the public.

The band consists of the veterans of the all-female band, which played from 1951-1961 as the 543rd Air Force Band. The concert is being presented jointly by CMSU and Whiteman.

In addition to the CMSU concert, the band will play at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence Mo., and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

### Food pantry accepting dontions

The food pantry, located in the family support center, requests food donations.

Team Whiteman members food donations are accepted by placing food items in the collection bin located in the commissary. Donations benefit Airmen and their families in need.

### Commissioning briefing set

People interested in applying for a commission in the Air Force can attend the base training and education services "Enlisted Commissioning Opportunities" briefing at 1 p.m., Sept. 29 in Room 20 at the education center. An admissions officer from the University of Missouri, Columbia, AFROTC will present ROTC programs.

Larry Broudrick, base guidance counselor, will give an OTS presentation. Seating is limited. For more details or to reserve a seat, call the education center at 687-2420.

### WESC seeks vendors

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club is looking for vendors for the fall craft show for Nov. 12, 2005. Cost is \$25.00 a booth and space is limited. For more details, contact Jenette Curtis at 233-3507 or e-mail craftshow2005@yahoo.com.

## Fire hose farewell



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

**Col. Matt Erichsen, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, gets hosed down by his family after his final flight in a B-2 Wednesday. Colonel Erichsen, who has recently returned from the 36th Expeditionary Bomb Group deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, has been the 509th BW vice commander since June 2004. Colonel Erichsen is moving to Langley Air Force Base, Va. The new 509th BW vice commander will be Col. Eric Single, who recently served as the 5th Operations Group commander at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.**

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available landline and cell phone service. The closest available services were 50 miles away. My father is disabled and a diabetic. It was a difficult challenge to keep his insulin cold with no ice available anywhere. To describe our experience in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as anything less than traumatic would minimize the impact we sustained.

With no available resources and our safety and security the biggest concern, time was of the essence. We had to grab a few precious family valuables and pets that could be salvaged, reserve 60 gallons of gas in containers for the long trip and drive north to Missouri as soon as possible.

Some family members and pets were forced to stay behind and guard what property we had left. Eleven total family members ranging in age from 8 to 68 loaded into four vehicles with a multitude of different emotions, individual medical needs and feelings of loss. However, one thing we never lost through the storm was our faith, love and prayer for better days to come.

Once we arrived home in Knob Noster, the outpouring of support we received from my Air Force family and the Knob Noster community was nothing short of phenomenal.

Our immediate needs were met with daily meals being delivered, twin

bed and bedding supplies, RV camper, towels, blankets, hygiene items, bottled water, cash donations and simply a shoulder to cry on. The comforting cares and concern of our Air Force family, military spouses and neighbors in the community provided a tremendous relief from the traumatic events we experienced.

Words cannot express the sincere appreciation and gratitude we wish to convey to all of the people who provided support to our family. To say thank you would not truly communicate the heartfelt feelings we share for this community and my Air Force family.

We salute you!

## TRICARE bills now due Oct. 1 Enrollment changes fees put on fiscal year cycle

### By TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Enrollment fees for all TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in the TRICARE West Region are now due on Oct. 1 as the government moves to a fiscal year billing cycle.

The government is mandating the change in billing to establish a consistent billing cycle policy for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who are served by TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which serves 21 states.

"This administrative billing change will allow TriWest to provide improved customer service in the West Region," said Mark Babbit, TriWest senior vice president of corporate and field operations. "As a result, all current TRICARE Prime beneficiaries will receive a fee statement from TriWest for the billing period beginning Oct. 1, 2005."

Active Duty Service Members (ADSM) and their families will receive an annual statement even though no fees are due. This statement gives ADSMs an opportunity to verify the accuracy of their family's TRICARE Prime enrollment status.

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries still have the option of paying enrollment fees annually, quarterly or monthly.

Military retirees under age 65 and their families who make quarterly payments will now receive quarterly statements in January, April, July and October.

EFT and allotment payment options require a completed Electronic Payment Authorization Form or the Allotment Authorization Letter, and a three-month payment be sent to TriWest before monthly payments are activated. Both forms are available online at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com)

There are four payment options to choose from.

■ Pay with a Visa or MasterCard debit/credit card on [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com);

■ Call 1-888-TRIWEST to make a phone payment;

■ Mail a check or money order to TriWest Healthcare Alliance, P.O. Box 43590, Phoenix, AZ 85080-3590;

■ Pay automatically by monthly Electronic Funds Transfer payments from a savings or checking account; or Military retirees may select to use allotments, which are deducted from military retirement pay.

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are encouraged to take advantage of the convenient online payment option on [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com). Online access is available 24-hours a day. For more information and payment assistance, call 1-888-TRIWEST (879-9378).

# Squadron activation set



The 13th Bomb Squadron activation ceremony begins at 1:25 p.m. Sept. 23 at the T-9 hangar.

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception held at Mission's End. The reception will begin at 2 p.m.

Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Shields at [jeffrey.shields@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.shields@whiteman.af.mil).



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David Hodges

## Water relief

Team Whiteman has donated more than 480 cases of bottled water to Hurricane Katrina victims since Tuesday. While restacking and sorting the donated water in the trailer at the commissary parking lot, Tech Sgt. David Hodges, volunteer relief program coordinator, came accross this personalized donation. "This is the first time any of the donations had a dedication," Sergeant Hodges said.

# 'World's biggest case lot sale offers world-class savings'

**By Bonnie Powell**

Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va** – The world's biggest case lot sale will offer "world-class" savings at nearly 270 commissaries in September. The Whiteman Commissary case lot sale is Saturday and Sunday.

"Most commissaries are participating, and customers can save up to 50 percent or more off regular prices during case lot sales," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency.

The sales typically feature items by the case, such as canned goods, beverages, cleaning or laundry products, and in some instances, fresh chicken, pork or beef.

The worldwide sale is held two times per year, in May and September.

"The September sale has been held since 2001 and proved so popular we expanded it to May,"

Mr. Nixon said. "Our customers really look forward to case lot sales, whether they live just around the block or an hour away. With the holidays coming up and kids going back to school, it's a perfect time for customers to use their commissary benefit to stock up."

The May worldwide sale set a new record – more than \$11.4 million in sales and 1.4 million cases of product sold at all stores combined.

**INFO**  
**Whiteman commissary's**  
**case lot sale takes place**  
**9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday**  
**and**  
**11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday**

In addition to the sale at Whiteman Commissary, shoppers can find out about sales at other commissaries nearby through a link found at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

The link takes shoppers to a page with sale dates. Each date is also linked to store "spotlight" pages where customers can view sale details.

While customers are visiting the Web site, they can sign up to get all the latest news from the Defense Commissary Agency, delivered via e-mail through the "Commissary Connection" newsletter.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide of commissaries, provid-

ing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building and modernizing commissaries.

Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

# Promotees honored in September

## Airmen

**Valerie Tersero**,  
509th Bomb Wing;  
**Cara Vandezandschulp**,  
509th Logistics Readiness  
Squadron;  
**Nicole Potterfield**,  
509th Medical Support Squadron;  
and **Joseph Hintz**,  
509th Operations Support Squadron

## Airmen 1st Class

**Kristen Horwith**, **Ryan Puls** and  
**Travis Wimberly**,  
509th Aircraft Maintenance  
Squadron;  
**John Michael**,  
509th Civil Engineer Squadron;  
**John Lowery**,  
509th LRS;  
**Timothy Mays**  
509th OSS; and  
**Aaron Lewis**, **Charles Obasiolu**  
and **Paul Watson**,  
509th Security Forces Squadron

## Senior Airmen

**Mario Ballinas**,  
**Andrew Betsworth**,  
**Kelvin Buchanan**, **Cory Cahill**,  
**Celine Gueit**, **Julie Kotara**,  
**Monica Pugh**, **Christopher Smith**  
and **Jacob Westad**,  
509th AMXS;  
**Nicholas Dvorak**, **Dana Hilliard**,  
**Brandon Pfannenstiel** and  
**Marshall Thompson**,  
509th CES;  
**Rebecca Hesselmann**,  
509th Communications Squadron;

**Vincent Garcia**,  
**Stephen Kirkbride**, **Anna Mills**  
and **Michael Smith**,  
509th LRS;  
**Mario Esparza**, **David Gonzalez**,  
**Thomas Gruszczynski**,  
**Tanita Johnson** and  
**Nicholas Scott**,  
509th Maintenance Squadron;  
**Kristopher Cusson**,  
**Nicholas Grimm**, **Howard Holland**  
and **Michael Hoyt**,  
509th Munitions Squadron;  
**Alyssa Bucurean**, **Tanya Dean** and  
**Enrique Jose**,  
509th OSS;  
and **Billy Allison**,  
**Anthony Defreitas**,  
**Christopher Flanagan**,  
**Mildred Mister** and  
**Melton Philpotts**,  
509th SFS

## Staff Sergeants

**Fletcher Mothershed**,  
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**Brian Mueller**, **Travis Register**,  
**Alyssa Meyer**, **Justin Sheffield** and  
**Christopher Wagoner**,  
509th LRS;  
**Amy McCall**, **Alex Rodriguez** and  
**Rosalind Walls**,  
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**Kimberly Moffitt**,  
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**Carmen Neubert**,  
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**Alexander Young**,  
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**Daniel Green**,  
509th LRS;  
**David Neumann**,  
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509th MXS;  
**Alvin Ely** and **Robert Kruckow**,  
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and **Crystal Norton**,  
509th Mission Support Squadron

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**Wesley Wiley**,  
509th BW;  
**Paris Everson**,  
509th Contracting Squadron;  
**Mark Ridder**,  
509th MXS;  
**John Fohey**,  
509th MUNS;  
and **Andrew Rhodes**,  
509th OSS

## Senior Master Sergeants

**Gary Bolton**,  
509th SFS;  
and **Michael Scobey**,  
72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron

## Hurricane Katrina

# Air Force statistics

## Air Force action as of Thursday

Rescues	Sorties	Cargo tons	Med. evac.	Passengers
5,521	2,038	17,012	2,577	29,377
			JTF	12,057

## Aircraft

C-130 Hercules



C-130 Scatthe View



C-17 Globemaster



C-5 Galaxy



C-141 Stratolifter



KC-10 Extend



KC-135 Stratotanker



OC-135 Open Skies



E-3 Sentry



HH-60 Pave Hawk



## Mission

Airlift



Aerial photo



Airlift



Heavy airlift



Airlift



Airlift and tanker



Tanker



Aerial photo



Air traffic control



Rescue



## Aircraft

UH-1 Huey



MC-130 Combat Talon



MH-53 Pave Low



C-12



C-21



C-23



C-26



C-9 Nightingale



HC-130



## Mission

Search and rescue



Rescue



Rescue



Passenger



Passenger



Passenger



Reconnaissance



Evacuation



Aerial refueling



Helping those in need  
America's Air Force



# Whiteman Spirit Award



## Staff Sgt. Paulette Tate

509th Bomb Wing

Staff Sgt. Paulette Tate, 509th Bomb Wing NCO in charge Command Control Information Manager, received the Whiteman Spirit Award Monday from Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Lt. Col. Dwayne Stich, 509th BW Command Control Division chief, nominated Sergeant Tate for the award.

"Sergeant Tate is an outstanding individual who has taken on another important additional duty as the wing security manager job in addition to wing personal reliability program and command post IM.

"She's active in many extra-curricular activities, including bible studies, and is one of only a handful of people on this base who is certified as a fitness monitor," Colonel Stich said.

"Her infectious laugh and motivated attitude make her a joy to work with and be around," Colonel Stich said. "Giving Paulette a Spirit Award would be great recognition for a positive role-model and outstanding Airman!"

During a recent command post review,

Sergeant Tate's security program was highlighted. The inspectors called her program "flawless" and "command benchmark."

She also contributed to command post earning most outstanding performer recognition awards in entire wing from Air Combat Command's inspectors.

## Personally Speaking

**Time on station:** Three years

**Time in service:** 12 years

**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Spouse:** Lorenzo

**Children:** Danaisha, 10; Jayvon, 7; Danasha, 5

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends.

**Goals:** To be able to accomplish all the Lord has planned for me.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** I found my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Also, it's a quiet and safe area to raise my children.

**Pet Peeves:** Individuals who try and be someone that they are not to impress other people. In the process they are setting themselves up for failure.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My family and the 509th Bomb Wing Command Post personnel.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman what would it be?** That there would be base wide family activities geared more toward Christian activities.

## Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail [whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil).





Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

# Tigers toast military



Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

Miranda, 2, starts the wave in the stands with the help of her father, Capt. Joe DellaVedova, 509th Bomb Wing.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Honor Guard members representing each branch of service present the colors during a military service wreath ceremony honoring those who gave their lives for freedom. The wreath was presented by the Exercise Tiger Association's Servicemen during the opening ceremony of military appreciation day at the University of Missouri. Whiteman members attended a pregame tailgate party and about \$3,000 worth of door prizes were awarded. The prizes were donated by several businesses and communities in the surrounding area.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, issues the oath of enlistment to 15 new recruits entering the delayed entry program. This was part of a special halftime ceremony at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo., Saturday.

The *Spirit of Hawaii* flew over Faurot Field during the opening ceremony of military appreciation day at the University of Missouri.





## Sparkle for the ball

Photo by 2nd Lt. Candace Cutrufo

**Senior Master Sgt. Don Carney, 509th Services Squadron, scrubs a vehicle during the Air Force Ball car wash in the Base Exchange parking lot Sept. 9. Members of AADD, Airmen's Council, Company Grade Officers' Association, Tier 2 and Top 3 provided the manpower and supplies for the fundraiser. The car washers collected more than \$950 in donations that will be used for Saturday's Air Force Ball extras, to include a disc jockey and decorations.**



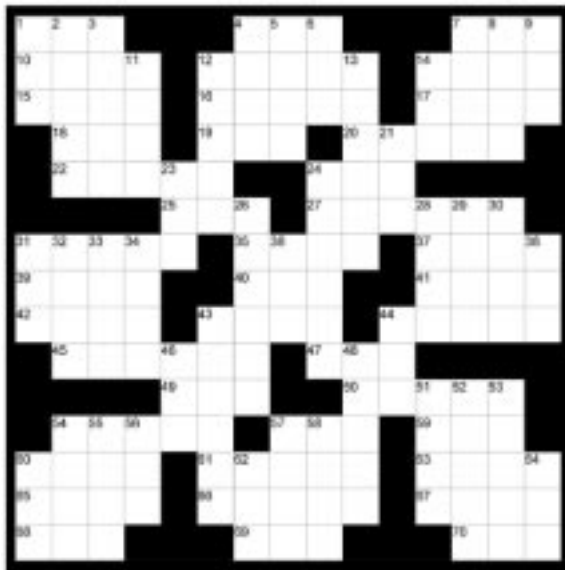
## USAF birthday crossword

### Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

#### ACROSS

1. Commercials
4. Federal drugs org.
7. \_\_\_ vs. Wade
10. Category
12. Vernon \_\_\_; enlisted pilot.
14. Gen. \_\_\_ Spaatz
15. Recount
16. French cubist Fernand
17. Pilots with 5+ kills
18. Bro's sib
19. Donkey
20. Gen., Maj., SSgt., A.B., etc.
22. Plant stem
24. Kunsan AB currency
25. Dowel
27. Gen. Henry \_\_\_; five star general
31. Frederick \_\_\_ i.e. Daedalian
35. \_\_\_ on; encourages
37. Jacob's first wife
39. Film \_\_\_
40. 2000 movie \_\_\_ of Honor
41. Home to Homestead JARB
42. Title of Pearl Harbor film (-2x)
43. Sally \_\_\_; first U.S. woman in space
44. Estimate
45. Banderole
47. Galloped
49. Stat for 48 DOWN



50. Dallas team
54. Uniform material, once
57. Tom Brady stat
59. Command developed by Gen. Curtis LeMay, in brief
60. Ache
61. Ralph \_\_\_; consumer protectionism pioneer
63. Smooth out
65. For Your Eyes \_\_\_

66. Simultaneous bomb release
67. Training MAJCOM
68. Snake-like fish
69. Vote in favor
70. Comm. person in the field

#### DOWN

1. MCI competitor
2. William \_\_\_; WWII pilot and Bataan death march escapee
3. Break in two
4. Fees
5. Energy units equal to one dyne/cm
6. Period
7. Medieval torture tool
8. Mining goals
9. Golfer Ernie
11. Designer Schiaparelli
12. Ester McGowin \_\_\_; first enlisted AF woman
13. Mistakes
14. Able
21. Cape \_\_\_; Massachusetts
23. Dr.'s asst
24. Lt. Boyd \_\_\_; WWII ace
26. NASA space program
28. Brig. Gen. Robin \_\_\_; triple air ace
29. Lawns
30. Art movement
31. Uzal \_\_\_; 2AF commander in WWII.
32. Blunder
33. Italian currency, once
34. Middle East country
36. H.S. diploma equivalent
38. Word of surprise

43. Augustine Warner \_\_\_; USAF logistics father
44. Picnic pest
46. Bother
48. Houston player
51. Osan AB contentant
52. Scarcer
53. Cpl. Frank \_\_\_; first enlisted aircraft death
54. Citizen \_\_\_
55. Ployer P. \_\_\_; test pilot killed in B-17 crash
56. \_\_\_ Given Sunday
57. Sit \_\_\_ by; do nothing
58. Actress Campbell
60. Writer Edgar Allen
62. Auto club
64. Called USAF "backbone"



Sept. 9 answers





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## Sports & Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### **Volksmarch 2005**

The Volksmarch starts at 9 a.m., Saturday. Participants should bring a picnic lunch after the event.

#### **Katy Trial bike ride**

Join outdoor recreation for a 35-mile bike ride from Rocheport to North Jefferson City, Mo. Riders should bring a bike, helmet, puncture kit, lunch and water. Outdoor recreation can provide a free bike and helmet. Transportation leaves at 8 a.m. Sept. 24 from outdoor recreation.

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### **Play with the pros**

Pick a National Football League team and earn points during your workouts to add to their weekly tally. The individual with the most points after The Super Bowl wins an NFL team jersey of their choice. Other NFL prizes will also be given out. See fitness center staff for details.

### Tickets and Travel 687-5643

#### **Kansas City Renaissance Festival**

The annual renaissance festival in Bonner Springs, Kan., runs weekends in September. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12.

#### **Six Flags, St. Louis, military special**

Military members can take advantage of a special ticket price of just \$16 per person to Six Flags, St. Louis until Oct. 9.

#### **Universal Studios Halloween Horror**

Beginning Sept. 30, Universal Studios, Orlando, Fla., is holding its annual Halloween Horror nights including haunted houses, terrifying rides and intense scare zones. Discounted tickets are available from Tickets and Travel but must be ordered in advance.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### **College football**

Club member football fans can watch their favorite college teams on the 10 big screens in the Lavene lounge for free. Lounge food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### **National Football League, Sunday Ticket**

Free to club members; Mission's End will be showing all NFL Sunday games on 10 plasma TVs, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. starting this Sunday.

### Royal Oaks 687-5573

#### **Not just for golfers!**

The new Royal Oaks club house offers a great new breakfast, lunch and dinner venue. Opening at 7 a.m., Duffer's Grill serves breakfast until 10 a.m., and hamburgers, sandwiches and hot dogs to eat in or take out until 1 p.m. There is also a snack bar for candy bars, drinks and other snacks. On Fridays and Saturdays, 5p.m.-8p.m. the club house becomes a steak house serving steak, prime rib and chicken.

#### **Royal Oaks golf championship**

The tournament starts at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Royal Oaks. The \$40 cost covers entry for both days, cart and green fees.

## Community Activities

### Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

#### **Air Force online gallery**

The arts and crafts center is accepting entries for the artist and craftsman Air Force gallery. Pieces will be displayed during September at the arts and crafts center.

#### **Food harvester program**

Donate non-perishable food to the food harvester program and receive \$1 off stall or lift fee at auto hobby.

#### **Stained glass class**

Learn or improve knowledge of stained glass techniques, with a six-week class at the arts and crafts center. Classes are held 6-9 p.m., Thursdays. Participants can join the class at anytime. The cost is \$55 plus supplies.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### **Open recreation**

Looking for a place to chill or play a game with friends? The teen center has a pool table, fooseball, air hockey, movies, music, board games, a computer or just space to hang out with friends. Open recreation is available 3p.m.-closing every Monday-Saturday, free to members, \$1 to nonmembers.

#### **Automobile basics**

Auto hobby holds a class, especially for teens, 4-6 p.m., Thursday. The class will cover car care, including checking oil and tire pressure and changing a flat.

#### **Midnight basketball**

Teens can show off their basketball skills with a late night court session. The event starts at 8 p.m. Sept. 24 at the youth center gym. The teen center will be closed during this event.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### **Dentokan karate**

Learn self-defense and stress relief with Dentokan karate training. Beginner and advanced classes are Tuesday and Thursday 5-8 p.m. at the youth center.

Sign ups are ongoing and the cost is \$25 per month for members and \$32 per month for nonmembers.

#### **Start smart soccer**

Parents can train alongside their 3- 5-year-old at the youth center's start smart soccer coaching. The program aims to help young children understand the basics of soccer through one-on-one, parent-child coaching and group teaching sessions. The classes run 1-2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 4-27. The class costs \$20 per parent-child team. Sign up Sept. 12-24 at the youth center.

#### **Basketball enrollment**

Registration packs for kindergarten-seventh grade basketball are available at the youth center. Packs should be returned 6:30a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sept. 30 or Oct. 3. The cost is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Practice starts in November.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### **Back to school swap shop**

Start the new school year with a clear out of your closet and the chance to swap or sell any unwanted items. The swap shop takes place 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center.

### Stars and Strikes 687-5114

#### **Sunday family dollar days**

The Stars and Strikes is open 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sundays for open bowling. Games and shoe rental are just \$1 each per bowler during these times.

#### **Whiteman hero essay competition**

Students in elementary, middle or high school can enter the community center's essay competition. Entrants must hand in a 100-word or less essay about their Whiteman hero and a 3-by-5 inch photograph of the hero. Hand in essays Monday-Sept 23. Winners in each category will receive a \$25 savings bond from US Bank.\*

#### **Xtreme wheels expo**

Freeride Bike and Skate shop of Warrensburg\* is putting on an exhibition starting at 1 p.m. Sept. 24 at the base skate ramp. There will also be a competition for base certified skaters with prizes supplied by Freeride\* and American Ramp Company.\*

### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### **Base residents**

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week to be licensed. Currently unlicensed people must cease care and apply for a license. Call for more details.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### **Developmental enrichment program**

The child development center's pre-school enrichment program will recommence this month. The program is designed to foster language development, social-emotional development, and cognitive development. Parents can sign up their 3- or 4-year-olds at the CDC.

### Library 687-6217

#### **Information and research assistance**

The base library offers professional assistance, whatever your project. Come in, call or e-mail your question to library@whitemanafblibrary.org.

#### **Library information system**

Visit the library online to access electronic resources from the Air Force Library and Information System. The system has more than 70 online databases supporting the Air Force mission, professional and voluntary education and quality of life for the entire Whiteman community.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### **Microchip clinic**

Microchipping provides pets with a permanent form of identification via an unique code number that cannot be altered or lost. A microchip cannot fade out like a tattoo or fall off like an identification tag. The implantation procedure is simple and similar to administering a vaccine. A microchip can save a pet's life and give owners peace of mind knowing that they have done everything they can to protect their pet. The vet clinic is holding a microchip clinic 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Sept. 23. The cost is \$13.50. Call or stop by to schedule an appointment.

## Movie Schedule

**Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m.**

**The Dukes of Hazzard**

Starring- Sean William-Scott and Jessica Simpson.

**PG-13**

**Sunday at 5 p.m.**

**The Great Raid**

Starring- Benjamin Bratt and James Franco

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Adults: \$3.50    Children: \$1.75

Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.